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Dexter to amend
Finance Act as
deficit skyrockets

POLITICS Nova Scotia
Premier Darrell Dexter is
confirming his
government will have to
amend the Provincial
Finance Act to help deal
with the province's
ballooning deficit.

In his first formal
address to the legislature,
Dexter said last night the
move is part of presenting
an honest picture of the
state of the province's
books.

The previous Conservative
government was
brought down by the
opposition parties in May
when they made a similar
move.

But Dexter says the
Tories were being dishonest
about the province's fiscal
health, by trying to hide
the deficit by suspending
legally required debt pay-
ments to allow the
province to stay in the
black.

Dexter — who did not
detail the changes he's
planning — says the Tories
wanted the opposition to
"be complicit" in their at-
tempts to hide the truth.

The NDP will table a
budget Thursday.

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Fashion

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A model wears a creation by British designer Paul Smith at London Fashion Week in London yesterday. Fashion weeks are going on across the globe right now.

Province scrapping Keno game

FUNDS Nova Scotia's NDP
government has pulled the
plug on a controversial
electronic gambling game
introduced last March.

Finance Minister Graham
Steele rose in the legis-
lature last night and an-
nounced in a statement
Keno would be discontinued
in about 180 bars and
restaurants by Oct. 22.

"Even on its own terms,
Keno has not been a suc-

cess," Steele told the house.
"Revenue has fallen 80
per cent below expecta-
tions, with the result that
Keno is actually losing
money."

Steele later told re-
porters he made the deci-
sion after consulting with
stakeholders. He said it
will cost \$3.4 million to
leave the game, which will
come out of general gam-
bling revenues paid to the

province. Keno was intro-
duced, amid much criti-
cism, by the former Prog-
ressive Conservative govern-
ment and was expected to
take in \$2 million to \$3
million a year.

Conservative critic Cecil
Clarke questioned the wis-
dom of pulling out at a
time when the province is
cash-strapped and facing a
deficit of \$590 million.

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Internet insecurity

Cyber group hosts forum
to raise awareness of risks

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Everyone age 12 or older
was welcome, but younger
children weren't allowed
to attend because of the
adult content discussed.

And even for adults,
some of the information
shared by Classen was dis-
turbing indeed.

Sometimes the most dan-
gerous place can be right
inside our own homes, a
group dedicated to safe and
secure Internet surfing said
yesterday.

"The Internet is a great
thing," Peter

**"(But) just like the
streets are policed,
the Internet has to
be policed ... You
have to be mindful
of what kids are
doing."** Peter Morin,
High Technology
Crime Investigation
Association

Morin, past-
president of the
High Technology
Crime Investigation
Association's At-
lantic Canadian
chapter, said last
night before a public
forum on how
to be web smart,
held

inside a Dartmouth hotel.
"But just like the streets
are policed, the Internet
has to be policed ... You
have to be mindful of what
kids are doing and that way
they'll get the best out of it
and it's not going to hurt
them."

Morin's group hosted the
forum to raise awareness
about the risks lurking on-
line, inviting a range of ex-
perts, from members of the
provincial RCMP's Internet
Child Exploitation Unit to
Noni Classen, director of
education for Cybertip.ca,
who flew in from Win-
nipeg.

One pedophile wrote online,
"When I capture their im-
age, I capture a piece of
time that not even their
own mommies will have.
They stay for young forever,
just for us 'pedos.' The
vidcam makes them our
eternal slaves."

Classen said children
need to learn not only to
avoid strangers on the
streets, but to be aware of
"strangeness," or strange
behaviour online.

For more tips go to
cybertip.ca. Cybertip.ca has
received more than 40,000
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U of C chief to get \$5M

Students want say in pay as president's pension unveiled

MEREDITH O'HARA
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human resources and governance committee for a few years.

"I think incidents like this really highlight why students have been so vocal about having a position on that committee."

Alberta's auditor general is investigating the error and will report back in early October.

Harvey Weingarten will receive a pension valued at \$4.75 million after serving nine years as the university's president, an expense missing from the school's financial reports for six years.

"This price tag is really hard to understand for students," said Charlotte Kingston, president of the students' union. "It looks huge, especially when every year we're having the cost of our education passed down to us in greater proportion through fees and increased tuition."

Kingston said the union has been asking for a voice on the board of governors

"What we've done is make sure that the human resources work that is done will be at all times directly communicated to the financial people."

Perraton said it was an error in communication that the pension figure wasn't on the books, and is confident those problems are fixed, something the auditor general's report will reflect, he said.

Calgary woman killed cycling on Oregon highway

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A 26-year-old Calgary cyclist was killed in a crash while riding her bike on an Oregon highway on Sunday.

Lincoln City police con-

firmed Kit Yang Charlene Pun was killed while riding her bike with two friends along Highway 101 in Oregon. The friends were cycling through the state, according to officials.

"She was struck and then run over after falling over

from the bike. From our standpoint, it's a very unfortunate accident. We don't know if anyone could have done anything differently," Sgt. Jeffrey Winn told Metro. "It was very odd, just one of those things."

Winn said the vehicle and the bicycle were going the same direction, with the bicycle on the roadway. Pun was wearing a helmet at the time.

Winn confirmed an 86-year-old woman was the driver of the vehicle that

struck Pun, but he doesn't anticipate any charges against her. Speed and alcohol are not believed to have been factors in the accident. "She has been very cooperative and from what witnesses said, there was just no time to stop."

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- [@cscrabill](#) Wow! 12 people and a receipt roll petition at Harper's office; quite the evidence of support for pseudo science in Calgary.
- [@downtowncalgary](#) Hope everyone is getting ready for #CIFF. Starting tomorrow morning our writers will be posting their top 4 picks for the festival. #yyc
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Armed with a banner of 150 signatures of Albertans concerned about climate change, protesters took to Stephen Harper's Calgary constituency office yesterday with a message.

Alex Doukas, a volunteer for Step It Up Alberta, led the charges yesterday to remind Harper about earlier comments he made about addressing climate change issues.

"I think we need to go from laggards to leaders on the issue. I think the government has let Canadians down and climate change is a global issue that needs international attention," Doukas said, adding he

Mishka Lysack holds a banner outside of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office with 150 signatures of concerned Calgarians worried about global climate change.

would like the government to support a bill on climate change and accountability, known as Bill C311.

"We have to step up and

take action. We want Canada to care. Climate change is potentially extremely dangerous and it's critical to address it."

Alison Longson put her signature on and support behind the 50-foot-long banner of names, which was collected throughout Alberta and Calgary, including at the Folk Festival this summer.

"I think that we need to educate ourselves a lot more on what is happening to our world. A lot of people have become too complacent on what is happening around them," she said.

Stores asked to not sell matches to kids

FIRE The Calgary fire department will be asking retailers to voluntarily refuse to sell matches and lighters to minors as part of a joint cities pilot project.

The pilot project was announced on Sunday by the

Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs at its annual conference held in Winnipeg. Toronto, Winnipeg and several smaller communities will join Calgary in promoting the pilot project.

"Fire chiefs consider this

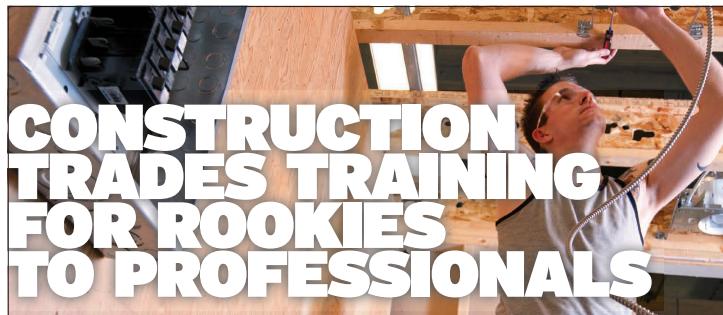
pilot project to be an important approach to reducing fire-related injury and property damage, particularly because victims are the youngest and most vulnerable members of our communities," project leader

and Cambridge fire Chief Terry Allen said.

Hundreds of fires are caused each year by children playing with lighters and matches, some resulting in deaths, damage, he added.

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A fire at Calgary's Metro Waste Paper Recovery building sent one person to hospital yesterday with smoke inhalation. The fire was in a waste conveyor machine, making it difficult at first for firefighters to reach the blaze, the fire department said. Damage was contained to the area and shouldn't affect operations. **METRO CALGARY**

Commercial vacancy rate jumps

MEREDITH O'HARA
for Metro Calgary



There may be a silver lining to Calgary's increasing commercial property vacancy rate.

The rate has jumped from 4.7 to 13.1 per cent for the

third quarter compared with the same time last year, according to a report released yesterday by CB Richard Ellis Limited.

"It's a challenge for building owners in the downtown and suburban office market, and an opportunity perhaps for those that are

considering leasing in the Calgary market," said Richard Pootmans, a business development manager with Calgary Economic Development.

The high vacancy rate should mean more businesses would be able to access downtown office space

for a better price, he said.

"The good news is if you're a company that's looking to move, there's lots of great sub-lease deals available," said Greg Kwong, regional managing director for CB Richard Ellis in Calgary.

A large part of the vacan-

cy increase in the city involves companies sub-leasing their own office space to offset costs, said Kwong.

He added the vacancy rate is expected to climb because of a growing supply and remain in the mid-teens for the next 12 months.



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Forest Lawn's new peace mural titled Allegory of Peace.

Peace mural unveiled in Forest Lawn

ART Bringing together diversity, peace and serenity, residents of Forest Lawn celebrated the unveiling of a peace mural yesterday.

Titled an Allegory of Peace, the massive artwork is the fifth in a series of nine in the community, which is part of a revitalization project, according to International Avenue's executive director Alison Karim-McSwiney.

"Our hope is perhaps this mural will serve as a reminder to people that we're all in this together," she said.

Aldermen Andre Chabot and Joe Ceci were both on hand for the unveiling of the mural, which is positioned on the side of a building at 4015 17 Ave. SE.

"The east side of town now has an endearing sign of peace," Ceci said, adding the west side of the city also unveiled a Peace Pole on Sunday.

Artist Martinho Correia came all the way back from Florentine, Italy, to complete the project, which he said took "many hours" to complete.

"A lot of the ideas were from local residents. A mural this big takes a lot of time to do," he said, adding he did have help.

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Police extending operating hours at new Station

DISTRICT 1 In an effort to improve accessibility to citizens, the Calgary Police Service will extend the hours of operation for its new District 1 Ramsay Station.

The station, located at 1010 26 Ave. SE, will be open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on the weekends from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will be closed on statutory holidays.

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Cellphones used for climate change cause

Activists across Canada and around the world used their mobile phones yesterday to stage demonstrations urging world leaders to act on climate change, CBC News Online reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada

Stem cell code set for public

Call to action headed by Canadian

A made-in-Canada charter outlining the ethical principles of international stem cell research is being presented today at the World Stem Cell Summit in Baltimore.

The Stem Cell Charter is a collective call to action in support of stem cell research and a web-based, interactive document detailing how that science should be advanced, says lead author Bartha Knoppers, a bioethicist at McGill University in Montreal.

The charter, available in both English and French at stemcellcharter.org, lays out a code of conduct for stem cell researchers aimed at promoting sci-

ence that is carried out in a responsible, ethical way while protecting people from harm and safeguarding the public trust.

"We'd like to keep it a credible science, we'd like to keep it a science that merits public investment and public funding," said Knoppers.

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Ignatieff chides Tories over promos

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff says it's wrong that the Conservative government is spending much more taxpayer money on promoting its own economic action plan than on its plans to fight the H1N1 flu. Ignatieff's comments come in response to reports that the federal government is spending five times as many taxpayer dollars on the economic plan as it is on raising public awareness about the flu pandemic.

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Ottawa Shackled



Alleged terrorist associate Mohamed Harkat shows his GPS tracking bracelet in Ottawa yesterday. Harkat must continue to wear the bracelet despite approval of lighter bail conditions.

Would-be adopter killed in Honduras

DEATH A man formerly of Saskatchewan who travelled to Honduras to adopt a baby boy he met while volunteering with a charity that fights AIDS in children has been killed by two masked gunmen in the Central American country.

Dallas Martens was trying to protect his wife, Krissy, from a robbery attempt when he was shot over the weekend, according to a statement on the website of the Jayne Mor-

gan Project.

The couple was celebrating their first anniversary and stopped to look at a house they were considering buying, wrote Valerie Nelson, who runs the clinic associated with the project.

The couple recently moved to Roatan, an island off the coast of Honduras, in order to adopt a baby named Will they met while volunteering with the organization.

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News in brief

VISA MEASURES The European Union's top justice official says he will push for retaliatory measures against Canada if it does not move to lift visa restrictions on Czech citizens by the end of the year. The EU's

Justice and Home Affairs Commissioner Jacques Barrot says if nothing moves by the end of the year, he would recommend to EU countries to impose "some form of retaliatory measure." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Car Insurance Roadblock

Consumers concerned insurers don't want drivers with tickets or accidents

Worried Your Spotted Driving Record Means You've Got Nowhere To Turn For Car Insurance?

Don't be. While it's true that, all things being equal, your tickets and accidents make you a more expensive risk to insure than a similar car and driver with a clean driving record, that doesn't mean you should have trouble finding insurance – assuming you know where to look. Different insurance companies target different types of business and this is reflected in things like their claims service, marketing efforts, discounts, and most importantly for you, their rates.

Should I Just Accept That I'll Have To Pay A Bundle?

No. Sadly, this is a mistake many drivers make and it can be a costly one, especially if they don't bother to shop around for the lowest rate available. The key to finding the best rate, especially if you have tickets or accidents on your driving record, is to figure out which insurance company of the more than 20 in Alberta has the best rate for your particular situation. And with rates varying so wildly across companies, chances are you are not with the company that has the lowest rate for your profile right now.

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A U.S. military judge agreed yesterday to another delay in the war crimes trial of five Guantanamo prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 attacks. The judge granted a U.S. government's request for a 60-day continuance. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Judge grants 60-day delay in 9-11 trial

World



Dozens killed in massacre

SUDAN Gunmen attacked a village in southern Sudan and killed some 80 people and wounded 46, said a southern government official yesterday, adding that he believed the militia was organized by the central government.

Maj. Gen. Kuol Diem Kuol, spokesman of the southern Sudanese military forces, said Lou Nuer tribesmen attacked the village of Duk-Padiet in Jonglei state on Sunday killing around 80 people, including 61 civilians. The UN has warned about a rising wave of tribal violence in South Sudan that in the past months has killed more than 2,000 people.

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Zelaya defiantly returns home

Deposed President Manuel Zelaya made a dramatic return to Honduras' capital yesterday, taking shelter from arrest at Brazil's embassy and calling for negotiations with the leaders who forced him from the country at gunpoint.

The interim government ordered a 15-hour curfew, but thousands of Zelaya supporters ignored the decree shutdown and re-

mained outside the embassy, dancing and cheering. Others in the capital rushed home, lining up at bus stands and frantically looking for taxis.

The leftist leader's homecoming creates a sharp new challenge for the interim government that has threatened repeatedly to throw him in jail if he returns.

Chants of "Yes we could! Yes we could!" bellowed from the crowd outside the Brazilian Embassy.

Zelaya told The Associated Press that he was trying to establish contact with the interim government to start negotiations on a solution to the standoff that started when soldiers flew him out of the country June 28. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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John A. Gotti back on trial

The fourth racketeering trial of John A. (Junior) Gotti began yesterday with the U.S. government portraying the Mafia heir as a maniacal killer and chronic criminal who has dodged prison by intimidating witnesses and obstructing justice. Three earlier racketeering trials of Gotti ended with deadlocked juries. For each trial, prosecutors reshaped the case with a common thread that Gotti followed his father, the late John Gotti, as the street boss of the Gambinos, one of New York City's five organized crime families.

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Bahamas Travolta extortion trial



Former Bahamas senator Pleasant Bridgewater, centre, arrives at court yesterday. A jury was selected for a trial that could see John Travolta take the stand against Bridgewater, accused of trying to extort \$25 million US from the movie star following his son's death in the country.

Students told to prove residency or face expulsion

U.S./MEXICO Students living in northern Mexico have skirted residency requirements to attend U.S. public schools for generations, but when the superintendent in one Texas border town got word that about 400 school-age children were crossing the international bridge each day with backpacks but no student visas, he figured he had to do something.

Kelt Cooper of the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District directed officials to stake out the bridge and warn students they could face expulsion if they don't prove they live in the district — a move that's brought complaints from civil rights groups and support from anti-immigrant proponents.

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News in brief

ARREST A popular Cuban-American Spanish-language actor has been charged with possessing child pornography. A police report says 45-year-old Adonis Losada was arrested Friday at his Miami Beach apartment. Investigators say

they found a child pornography image Losada sent to a social networking website. Police say investigators then searched Losada's home and found 18 child porn images on his home computer.

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Prime minister's socialist hookup

National Report

Lawrence Martin



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Everything was going the Conservatives' way. They were building a good lead in the polls. The recovering economy was working in Stephen Harper's favour. Michael Ig-

natief had nothing in his department store window. His pushing for an unwanted election appeared to be backfiring.

But then, the big retreat. Harper looked at the flavourful prospects, turned and walked away. He caved to NDP demands on employment insurance to avoid going to the polls.

It's not in the prime minister's stern character to back off like that. The prime motivation, it appears, is he decided a majority was not in the offing. To

survive he pretty much needs that majority and he wasn't about to take the risk of not getting it.

Harper didn't suffer for his decision. He could have been whacked for chicken-ing out. He could have been mocked for relying on a coalition of sorts to avoid defeat in Parliament — this, having decied the whole idea of anyone aligning with socialists and sepa-ratists. But there's a lot of conservative media in this land. They gave him a pass. Instead, it was the NDP

that — weirdly — took the brunt of the criticism. The New Democrats had been pushing for a more generous EI system. They got the government to come their way. Canadians didn't want an election now. The NDP's acceptance of the PM's reforms avoided one. Good on both counts. But instead of receiving plaudits, the Dippers lost the spin game. Even though their polling is close to traditional levels, they were viewed as being desperate to avoid an election.

It's true the New Democrats had long mocked the Liberals for propping up the government and here was Jack Layton doing that very thing. But, unlike the Liberals, this was only one time. And EI reform was not a bad reason. The party had the image of being knee-jerk — of opposing everything the Conservatives did just for the sake of opposing them. This time they looked to be acting rather responsibly.

As for the Harper Conservatives, they have demonstrated a willingness to

compromise and have like-ly assured themselves another six months in power. They could still be defeated on a confidence vote this fall, but it's less likely.

Harper is gambling that his support will increase in the months to come. He de-cided that if he had to change his stripes and be in league with socialists, so be it. It's politics. Shift hap-pens.

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Views

1Mtweets a revolutionary movement

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We all recognize Canadian inventiveness in cool products like the BlackBerry and Lululemon gear. But yesterday was a watershed day in Canadian innovation with the launch of A Million Tweets to Remember, a movement that is revolutionizing the way social causes connect with online communities.

A Million Tweets to Remember — or 1Mtweets in the online world — seeks to digitally memorialize one

million people who have lived with Alzheimer's disease. Built on Twitter, the 1Mtweets website allows family and friends to tweet about the Alzheimer's sufferer they are memorializing and to make a donation to research on the aging brain.

Tweeters can also create a multimedia web page — called a twibute — for their loved one to expand the thoughts in their tweet. One in three of us knows someone with Alzheimer's and through a twibute we can give our children a portrait of who they once were.

What's groundbreaking about A Million Tweets to Remember is that it un-

leashes the power of social networks for a philanthropic cause. Many of us have joined online communities and even more of us have contributed to charities. The 1Mtweets movement shows how these two aspects of our lives can be brought together.

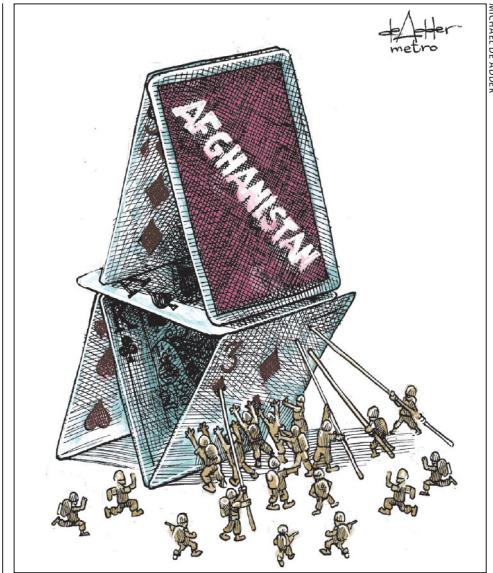
Not surprisingly, then, Jordan Banks, the founder of A Million Tweets to Remember, is a star in both fields. "The sense of community on Twitter is incredible, making it a great resource to raise awareness for Alzheimer's and memorialize those who have lived with this devastating disease," Banks says.

A Million Tweets to Re-member will be the largest movement to date on Twitter and will hopefully raise a lot of money for research on Alzheimer's. Most importantly, it will be the largest archive ever created of people with dementia.

Just last week, U.S.-based marketing guru Seth Godin commented on the power of online social communities and asked, "But where are the charities?"

Look north, Seth, look north to Canada. And check out 1Mtweets.com.

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U.S. bill aims to help recession-hit

A bill proposed in the U.S. would extend unemployment benefits for people in states with high unemployment rates whose benefits will run out by end of September. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Business

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Reichmann exits Canary Wharf Group

British media report that Canadian businessman Paul Reichmann has given up his stake in the London Docklands development, marking the end of his 22-year involvement with the site.

According to reports in several British newspapers Songbird Estates has announced that it has increased its shareholding in Canary Wharf Group to 69.3 per cent after acquiring an 8.45 per cent holding from Commerzbank for 112.5 million British pounds.

The Daily Telegraph reports that those shares be-



Paul Reichmann

longed to Reichmann, but had been pledged against loans to Dresdner, a Commerzbank subsidiary. Dresdner was acquired by Commerzbank earlier this year. Reichmann, 78, was the brains behind the landmark development, a massive complex that covers more than 38 hectares, after brokering a deal with then prime minister Margaret Thatcher in 1987.

The project led his Toronto company, Olympia & York, one of the biggest real estate developers in the world, into bankruptcy in 1992. He fought back, reacquiring Canary Wharf from banks in 1995.

In 2004, he lost control of Canary Wharf for the second time as the Songbird consortium acquired a controlling stake in the asset for 1.9 billion British pounds. Reichmann maintained his small stake of 8.45 per cent of the Class B shares.

But the project was dealt a final blow last year after the collapse of the international financial industry.

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Italy House arrest looms



Former Norbourg president pleads guilty to 200 criminal charges

MONTREAL After spending years steadfastly proclaiming his innocence, accused trust-fund scammer Vincent Lacroix shocked a courtroom yesterday by pleading guilty to 200 fraud-related charges.

The former head of Norbourg Inc. entered the pleas in Quebec Superior Court and immediately was sent to prison. He apparently came to court prepared. He was toting a gym bag and wearing running shoes and a casual sweater.

Sentencing arguments will be heard Friday. Jury selection will continue for the five other co-accused in the case.

When asked about her client's state of mind, Lacroix's lawyer, Marie-Helene Giroux, said: "He is relieved because he was under a lot of the stress of going under a jury trial."

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Italian businessman Giampaolo Tarantini is seen in a car as he leaves the Bari prison where he was detained yesterday. News reports said Tarantini, who was involved in Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's sex scandal, has been placed under house arrest in Rome as part of a drug probe.

Business in brief

SECURITY Foreign acquisitions of Canadian securities dropped to a fraction of the year's monthly average in July. Foreign buyers bought \$351 million in securities in July after investing \$61.9 billion over the first six months of 2009. Canadians sold \$526 million of foreign securities as divestment in debt instruments continued and investment in foreign stocks slowed.

REAL ESTATE The amount of empty office space across Canada continued to rise in the third quarter due to higher unemployment in white-collar industries and excess inventory in some cities, a new report shows. Vacancy rates for commercial real estate are expected to keep rising "well into 2010," CB Richard Ellis Ltd. said in the report released yesterday.

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IRS extends amnesty deadline for dodgers

TAXES Tax dodgers who hid assets overseas will get a few extra weeks to apply for an amnesty program that has been flooded with applications ahead of tomorrow's deadline.

The Internal Revenue Service said yesterday the deadline will be extended until Oct. 15.

More than 3,000 Americans have applied for the program, which promises no jail time and reduced penalties for tax cheats who come forward, said a government official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the record ahead of the public announcement.

The IRS is extending the Wednesday deadline to give a rush of applicants more time to prepare their paperwork.

The IRS long has had a policy that certain tax evaders who come forward before they are contacted by the agency usually can avoid jail time as long as they agree to pay back taxes, interest and hefty penalties. Drug dealers and money launderers need not apply. But if the money was earned legally, tax evaders can usually avoid criminal prosecution.

Fewer than 100 people apply for the program in a typical year, in part because the penalties can far exceed the value of the hidden account, depending on how long the account holder has evaded U.S. taxes. But in March, the IRS began a six-month amnesty program.

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Nortel Networks Corp. announced plans to sell its Carrier Networks business in an auction. The assets include software to support the transfer of data over existing wireless networks and the next generation of wireless technology. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Female trader files suit against RBC

Top performer claims gender bias over dismissal after dating alleged Ponzi schemer

A top-performing female trader has sued RBC Capital Markets for gender bias over her dismissal, which she said stemmed from her dating a hedge fund manager later charged with fraud for running a Ponzi scheme.

In a lawsuit filed late Friday with the U.S. District Court in Manhattan, the trader, Lindy Boville, accused RBC of using her relationship with James Nicholson as a pretext for firing her in March 2009 and assigning her accounts to male colleagues.

The Toronto resident, who had worked in RBC's New York office, said she dated Nicholson on and off between March 2008 and February 2009 but had no business dealings with him.

She said male colleagues who did work with Nicholson were not punished by RBC, a unit of Royal Bank of Canada.

Nicholson ran Westgate Capital Management LLC in Pearl River, N.Y., prior to his Feb. 25 arrest.

A grand jury in April indicted him for fraud for

Claims

- The lawsuit also said that prior to being fired, Lindy Boville was subjected to repeated advances and graphic comments about her appearance by male colleagues at RBC. She accused one of using a made-up word "sensy" rather than "sexy" to describe her clothing so that RBC's monitoring system would not pick up his language.

running an alleged Ponzi scheme since 2004 that

caused \$150 million of investor losses.

Boville said RBC later filed a termination notice that falsely said she "showed poor judgment in financing efforts for hedge fund."

This notice has made it hard for her to find a new job and caused one employment offer to be rescinded, she said.

In response to the lawsuit, RBC spokesman Kevin Foster said in an email: "Ms. Boville showed poor judgment in helping Jim Nicholson raise money for

his hedge fund and failing to disclose her activities to her supervisors. It is irrelevant that she had a personal relationship with Nicholson, and she should have told RBC what she was doing."

A lawyer for Nicholson did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

The lawsuit said Boville joined RBC in September 2007 after being heavily recruited by the Canadian bank and by Goldman Sachs Group Inc.

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U.S. activity forecast rises for fifth time

ECONOMY A private forecast of U.S. economic activity rose in August for the fifth straight month, the latest sign the recession has ended. The Conference Board leading indicators point to an economy on solid ground early next year, though some analysts caution that a rising unemployment rate will restrain growth.

The Conference Board said yesterday its index of leading indicators rose 0.6 per cent in August. That follows a 0.9 per cent gain in July revised up from 0.6 per cent. Economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters had expected a 0.7 per cent gain last month.

The indicators are designed to project economic activity in the next three to six months. The August results support many analysts' projections that the economy started growing again in the current July-September quarter and will continue to gain in the fourth quarter.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke last week said the recession was "very likely over."

The recession's end "is no longer a source of heated discussion ... but whether or not the economy can keep grinding forward (and at what speed) is still a big question mark," Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a note to clients yesterday.

Analysts worry that any economic growth will falter as unemployment rises from the August rate of 9.7 per cent to above 10 per cent.

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Shares in diamonds firm double after Nunavut find

MINING Shares in Peregrine Diamonds Ltd. more than doubled yesterday after the company announced the discovery "of large diamonds and a coarse diamond size distribution" at its Chidliak project on Baffin Island, Nunavut.

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London For arts' sake



The mayor of London, Boris Johnson, poses for photographs yesterday beside a bust of William Stuart, archbishop of Armagh, at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London during an event to warn against cuts in spending on the arts and culture.

Business in brief

ALTAGAS Shares of AltaGas Utility Group rose nearly 16 per cent yesterday after AltaGas Income Trust sweetened its offer for all outstanding common shares of the Utility Group that

it doesn't already own. The new offer of \$10.50 a share is 16 per cent above the income trust's original bid of \$9.05 a share.

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all is often a great time to shop for a home. New home and condo builders are anxious to clear inventory and other sellers don't want to hit the winter real estate doldrums. With the recession entering into history, you might be thinking now's the time to strike.

Usually, I recommend doing window shopping before making major purchases. Not with home buying. There's way too much emotion compounded by real estate agents

who are skilled at instilling a sense of urgency. The minute you start looking, you'll want to start buying.

Instead, start a house hunt with a Can I Afford My Home budget. If you have mortgage pre-approval you know the interest rate and can work out payments. Don't forget the land transfer tax. Go to realtor.ca and use the mortgage and tax calculators for properties in your price range. Add legal costs and insurance if you have a high ratio mortgage.

You have your expected mortgage payment — next, move on to your monthly housing nut. This includes condo fees, parking, property tax and insurance. A call to your current agent can get you a rough insurance figure and a search of MLS listings in the area will do the same

Alison's Money Rule:

- Don't even think of making an offer on a house or condo until you've completed a Can I Afford My Home budget.

for taxes. Estimate utilities. You should also count on spending on maintenance, repairs and decorating.

Now you have your monthly figure — ask yourself, can I afford it? If yes, go home shopping. If no, adjust your price point.

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Guidelines a must for home caregivers

What can I do, so this does not happen again?

— Terry

A Good caregivers do become very close to their charges. They take over roles that were previously performed by family members. But there must be guidelines and controls to protect and benefit both parties.

The caregiver should not be given responsibilities beyond what she was hired. It is not fair for her to take on tasks where her character and integrity may be in question.

Power of attorney to ac-

cess bank accounts should be restricted to the bank holder or a family member.

Unauthorized individuals should not use bank cards and PINs.

Family members must take a more active role.

Great as they may be, "caregivers do not a family make."

To avoid penalties by

Canada Revenue Agency,

caregivers should be on

the payroll and file remi-

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Jason Storsley, CEO of RBC Direct Investing

ments and like seeing as little of your hard-earned money go to waste as possible, direct investing online can help you lower your cost of investing substantially while letting

you build your success one trade at a time.

Jason Storsley, president and CEO of RBC Direct Investing, says buying and selling stocks and other investments yourself is easier than ever because online brokerage tools have become more sophisticated and accessible.

"The development of the Internet has certainly shaped the way consumers get information, and there are more ways than ever to get started and succeed.

"It has never been easier to become a direct investor," Storsley said.

High-priced commission fees may have kept some people away from the prospect of direct investing in the past, but fees have dropped off about 47 per cent since 2005.

Direct investors who trade frequently with RBC can even achieve rates as low as \$6.95 or \$9.95 per month — a huge savings over RBC's standard commission fees of \$28.95 per month.

"There are substantial savings for investors who are willing to do their own research and make their own decisions," Storsley said.

"The lower fees can have a great impact on the bottom line and it adds up over time for sure," he added.

The sheer wealth of online investment research tools available, from price performance trackers to professional investment comparison tools, can give you a more informed and impartial view at the big investment picture — as long as you are willing to study the numbers yourself.

"With an adviser, you will get that adviser's view," Storsley said. "With the online site, you'll get to take a look at everything available and perhaps make a more informed decision."

For investors who dabble in mutual funds and want to keep their portfolios filled while they save, RBC offers a special line of Series D funds, which feature management expense ratios (MERs) frequently rated at half or better than the industry average. They also incur no service charges, no transaction fees and no load — that means lower

What's the cost?

The cost of investing is a huge factor in making your investment decisions and direct investment options at RBC can help take substantial cost out of the equation.

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- **Half-sized fees for full-sized returns:** RBC Series D mutual fund options for direct investors let you invest under a fee structure that averages half the industry standard with no load, service or transaction fees added, meaning your money works for you with less going to waste.

- **Practice makes perfect:** A practice account at RBC lets you test the waters and build confidence in your investment ideas without having to risk a single cent, all while using all the same sophisticated tools you'd use to make a real investment.

investment fees for the same investment dollar, a great offering that Storsley expects will strike a chord with seasoned investors.

"We've seen a huge erosion of wealth and investors have become more conscious of it," Storsley said.

"They're looking for less expensive ways to get the same options they would have in the past."

For first-time investors or those who don't feel quite ready to re-invest just yet, an RBC practice account can be an ideal way to test-drive your investment ideas and ambitions without having to worry about making mistakes. Opening a practice account is completely free and gives you \$100,000 in practice money to invest however you'd like, while using all the exact same tools, resources and calculations as a real-money account.

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The desire to win at next year's Winter Olympics has outstripped Canada's sense of sportsmanship, according to the executive director of USA Luge.

Ron Rossi says a 30-year-old agreement between the American and Canadians — in which both nations allowed each other's teams unprecedented access to their luge tracks — has fallen apart.

Canadian lugers were allowed as many as 500 extra training runs in Salt Lake City, but Americans have only been offered 18 training runs on 2010 tracks, Rossi said.

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Canadian GP to return for 2010

RACING FIA yesterday ratified its calendar for the 2010 season and reinstated the Canadian Grand Prix, provided contract negotiations with Formula One management and Montreal organizers are completed.

The Canadian Grand Prix had been held in Montreal annually since 1978 before being dropped this season.

The season will start with the Bahrain GP on March 14, FIA said in a statement.

If FIA and the Canadian organizers fail to reach a deal, the Turkish Grand Prix, which is scheduled for May 30, will be moved to June 6.

The Canadian Grand Prix is scheduled for June 13.

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Sports in brief

CFL Casey Printers is returning to the B.C. Lions. The former CFL MVP signed a one-year deal with the club yesterday and will be placed on the practice roster. The Lions are thin on quarterbacks with CFL experience. The Lions are last in the West with a 5-6 record.

BASEBALL The Houston Astros fired manager Cecil Cooper yesterday. The Astros are 70-79 and have lost seven straight games. Third-base coach Dave Clark will take over as interim manager for the final 13 games this season.

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Morency suspended 5 games for coming off bench

SUSPENSION The National Hockey League suspended New York Islanders forward Pascal Morency for five regular season games and the remainder of the pre-season yesterday.

Morency had been suspended indefinitely after receiving a game miscon-

duct for leaving the bench to start a fight with Calgary defenceman Dion Phaneuf in a game last Thursday.

Phaneuf's hit knocked out Islanders forward Kyle Okposo in the second period of the Flames' 5-4 shootout victory.

Morency jumped off the

bench and charged Phaneuf, starting a brawl that included New York goalie Martin Biron. Okposo remained motionless for more than six minutes. He was immobilized and removed from the ice on a stretcher.

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Brett Favre's streak is not in danger: He has a bent fingernail. Favre's throwing hand was hurt during Minnesota's win over Detroit on Sunday. Favre has started 271 straight regular season games, believed to be an NFL record. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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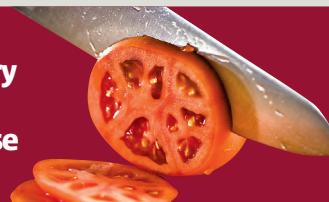
Having a healthy diet is "very important" to a majority of Canadians — 85 per cent to be exact, according to Bensimon Byrne's latest Consumerology Report. Almost a third of Canadians who think a healthy diet is very important don't believe that they have a healthy diet. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Food

The endearing movie Julie & Julia has sparked interest in the amazing culinary prowess of Julia Child, the doyenne of French classical cooking, since its release this summer.

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**Dirty apron**

Chef David Robertson now offers classes based on her cookbook, *Mastering The Art of French Cooking*, at The Dirty Apron Cooking School, located in Vancouver.

Personal Gourmet recipe of the month

ROSE REISMAN

Breakfast for success

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Unfortunately, more than half of us skip it due to a variety of reasons.

All of us, and especially children of school age, need to eat healthy, balanced diets to give them the energy and brain power to get through their days. However that doesn't often happen.

Having raised four children, I know that nutritious meals are key to healthy and energetic children, so this year I have become the new spokesperson for the national "Breakfast for Learning"



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foundation, an organization that focuses on educating children on nutrition in our schools.

Here are some breakfast recipes to get you started:

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You'll never want to eat packaged granola again after you try this. This is the number-one breakfast food in my catering com-

pany. It also has fewer calories and less fat than other granolas due to a smaller amount of oil and the use of apple juice and maple syrup. Serve with yogurt or milk.

PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES

COOK TIME: 35 MINUTES

MAKES 4 CUPS

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups large rolled oats
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup apple juice
- 3 tbsp maple syrup
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts of your choice
- 1/4 cup chopped dried apricots
- 1/4 cup chopped dried cranberries

METHOD:

Preheat the oven to 300°F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with vegetable oil.

Combine the oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger, oil, apple juice, maple syrup and nuts in a large mixing bowl and stir to combine.

Spread the mixture out on the prepared baking sheet and bake for 35 minutes, tossing once to pre-

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Trendy tipping

Even though I know the booze business is a trend-driven machine, I'm still surprised at how many "next big thing" wine brands just come and go.

You'd think that after taking the world by storm, a few more (Australia's [yellow tail] excluded) would establish themselves in the hearts and mouths of consumers.

That's what makes the arrival of Familia Zuccardi's Fuzion wines so exciting. Already a hit from Central Canada westward; the pair of Argentine cheapies arrive in the Maritimes this week, completing the race for national domination in less than a year. (A very good sign that they're going to be around for awhile.)

While I wouldn't write an essay about either; their soft, chug-a-lugable balance of fruit charmed the taste buds off me

when I tried them with the winery's head honcho José Alberto Zuccardi in the spring.

José told me that his aim is to keep the surprisingly dark berry fruit flavour of the 2008 **Fuzion Shiraz Malbec (\$7.45 - \$9.99)** and the plush, citrusy complexity of the 2008 **Fuzion Chenin Torrontes (\$7.45 - \$9.99)** consistent vintage to vintage (another great longevity strategy) which makes both wines worthy of being added to your roster of everyday drinkers.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Products may not be available in every province.



Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

A Paris-inspired pout

Capture the romance of Paris with Quo's new limited edition Eiffel Tower Lipstick (\$15). It is a lip gloss and liner in one (the liner is concealed in the cap). It is available in six shades. Available at Shopper's Drug Mart. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Health & Beauty

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Separate beds ... sound sleep

Shared bed may not be healthy, says study

The J Spot

Josey Vogels

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Beyonce and hubby Jay-Z made it trendy when it was rumoured that they sleep separately, even going so far as to rent separate hotel rooms when they travel together.

But now, it's scientific fact. Sleeping together may actually be bad for your health.

Sleep specialist Dr. Neil Stanley, head of one of Britain's leading sleep labs, recently told the British Science Festival that while couples believed they slept better with their partner, evidence has proved that couples suffer 50 per cent more sleep disturbances if they share a bed.

The resulting lousy night's sleep can be linked

to everything from depression to heart disease, strokes, traffic and industrial accidents and even divorce.

Of course, this news goes against conventional wisdom. **In ancient Rome ... the marital bed was for one thing, and that wasn't sleeping.**

space when you need it, and you can relish in the excitement of sneaking into each other's room just like when you were just dating and your parents made you

sleep in separate bedrooms when you stayed with them. Besides, nothing builds resentment

more than watching your partner sleep blissfully beside you while you toss and turn beside them. How is that good for a relationship?

It seems more and more couples are coming around to my way of thinking. According to the National Sleep Foundation in the U.S., couples sleeping separately from 12 per cent in 2001 to 23 per cent in 2005.

And, according to the National Association of Home Builders, they've seen an increase in requests for "two-master bedroom" homes and predict that by 2015, 60 per cent of all custom upscale homes will be built.

In ancient Rome, for example, the marital bed was for one thing, and that wasn't sleeping.

I've long believed that sleeping apart—even having separate bedrooms—can actually be good for a relationship. Not only do you get a decent night's sleep, but you get your own



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with two "owner suites."

I'm sure lots of couples don't have a problem sleeping in the same bed. Some may actually even enjoy it. But if you don't, and it's affecting the quality of your sleep, you need to get over

the fact that sleeping separately is unhealthy for the relationship because the exact opposite may be true.

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit joseyvogels.com.

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Five hundred days of summer — plus one day of marriage. Zooey Deschanel, 29, and Death Cab for Cutie singer Ben Gibbard, 33, tied the knot Saturday night near Seattle, her rep tells People. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

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Dancing with Fame

Remake appeals to younger audience, says Kherington Payne

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Back in 1980, when maverick U.K. filmmaker Alan Parker released his immensely popular, generation defining musical drama *Fame*, times were considerably different.

The movie examined the lives of a select group of young aspiring performers at New York City's High School for the Performing Arts, giving people an intimate — often off-colour — but always honest portrait of the dreams and passions of youth.

Next week sees the release of the glossy, state of the art remake of *Fame*, a

film that is being billed as a "re-imagining" of the source. And while this *Fame* still touches on the same themes and high energy performances, the novelty may have worn off a bit, especially in this age of reality TV equivalents American Idol and more resonantly, *So You Think You Can Dance*, a program that co-star Kherington Payne is more than a little bit familiar with.

"I think we had to take a different approach than the original did," Payne, who herself was a top 10 finalist and fan favourite

on *So You Think You Can Dance* last year, says.

"The world of the performing arts isn't as secret as it was when the first film was released.

Things have changed so our *Fame* is a fresh perspective."

One of the major differences between the two versions is the target audience.

The original picture was rated R due to the level of frank language and sexuality, the new version opts for a lighter approach.

"This is a PG all the way," says Payne.

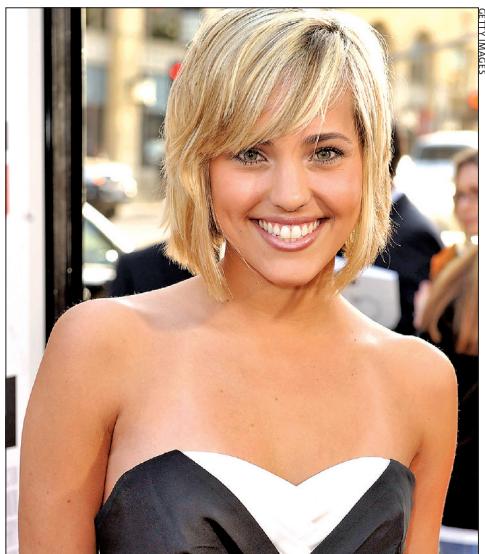
"The movie is designed

Fame opens in theatres this Friday

Movie feature

for families, to inspire kids of all ages and just be entertaining without offending anyone."

In *Fame*, Payne was chosen from a staggering array of hopefuls to play the beautiful, leggy dancer Alice. But her presence, good looks and most importantly, her impossibly accomplished skills as a dancer shone through. When she was voted off *So You Think You Can Dance*, it was a shock, both for audiences who believed she'd go all the way and for Payne herself. But, despite her public heartbreak, she rebounded spectacularly and regrets nothing.



Kherington Payne stars in the remake of *Fame*, opening Friday.

"Rejection hurts, I won't lie," says the newly minted actress.

"But you can't let it get you down. Really, it thickened my skin and without it, I wouldn't be where I am now."

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Blunt takes on downloading

Singer James Blunt is no fan of pirates. Not the swash-buckling brand — the piracy on Blunt's bad side involves illegal downloads. The singer has backed Lily Allen's push to create legislation that will eradicate the practice. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



F--ked Up take Polaris Prize

Hardcore band picked by critics for \$20,000 award

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

The Polaris Music Prize might not be the most well-known music award in Canada, but for Toronto hardcore band F--ked Up, it's the only one that matters.

The six-piece, which released *The Chemistry of Common Life* last October, won the fourth annual prize at a gala event last night. Besides the album being crowned the best disc of 2008-09, the group takes home a \$20,000 cheque.

While the money helps, it's the international acclaim that comes with the award that's the real prize. Unlike the Junos, the nominees for the annual prize are mostly under-the-radar acts — nominees such as Hey Rosetta!, Malajube and Chad VanGaalen aren't

selling thousands of records — so increased attention is a major career boost for these musicians.

Last night, the award was handed out for the fourth time at a glitzy gala hosted by CBC Radio 3's Grant Lawrence and Much-Music's Sarah Taylor. And while there was only one winner, it was still a successful night for all of the 10 nominated acts.

That's because the gala, which was broadcast live on Sirius Satellite Radio and muchmusic.com, included performances from the 10 artists. Each act ran through two songs, and while they were all engaging, standouts included an acoustic version of Metric's *Help, I'm Alive* Off *Fantasies*, Great Lake Swimmers' sweet folk tune *Still*, and Joel Plaskett's haunting rendition of *Heartless, Heartless, Heartless*.

Besides the aforemen-



Toronto hardcore act F--ked Up won the Polaris Prize, awarded last night.

tioned acts, other nominees included Toronto folk group Elliott Brood, Somali-born rapper K'Naan and 2007 Polaris winner Patrick Watson.

This is actually the first time in the prize's history that past nominees — like K'Naan, Malajube and Metric — have been up for the

award again.

Helen Spitzer, one of the 182 Canadian journalists who cast a vote in July to determine the long and short lists (11 of the jury members picked the winner), says having repeat artists is both a plus and a negative for the award.

"It says that jurors across

the country need to be digging a little deeper and getting outside of their comfort zone as far as the music they listen to goes," she said.

"But at the same time, I think both the Metric and Patrick Watson records are significantly better than previously nominated al-

Polaris winners

- 2006 — Final Fantasy, *He Poos Clouds*
- 2007 — Patrick Watson, *Close to Paradise*
- 2008 — Caribou, *Andorra*
- 2009 — F--ked Up, *The Chemistry of Common Life*

bums."

As always, the competition was fierce. Joel Plaskett's album might be the most ambitious record — he wrote 27 songs, mostly about life on the road and coming home — but Metric's solid new-wave effort, their best since 2003's *Old World Underground*, and K'Naan's cross-genre hip-hop release, are packed with stellar songs from front to back.

No one would argue that every artist deserves the cheque, but F--ked Up's pop-meets-hardcore disc was one of the most refreshing and original albums of the year — so it's no surprise they took the prize.

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Supermodel Gisele Bündchen has a new gig: United Nations goodwill ambassador for the environment. "I'm really honoured to have received a call from the UN to spread the message about climate change in the world," she told reporters. **PEOPLE.COM**

Gisele's new gig

Celebrity Summer of Death '09

We had been told to expect the deaths of the famous to come in threes, not in the dozens.

But all through the summer of 2009 came a ceaseless and sombre drumbeat, as idols passed away. From Walter Cronkite to Sen. Ted Kennedy, the nonstop loss of luminaries continued almost as if a seasonal occurrence — as summer as hot dogs and humidity.

If a filmmaker were trying to capture the summer of 2009, Michael Jackson news would be playing in the background. Many thought coverage of Jackson's death was too much; a Pew Research Center poll released in July found that 64 per cent of those surveyed thought the media blitz was overdone.

But news outlets went heavy on coverage for the many others who passed. Collectively, it made the constant commemorating hard to escape, especially for anyone active on social networks and the Web.

"It's relentless because of the impact of the Internet," said Adam Bernstein, the obituary editor of the Washington Post. "Twitter feeds go out. Every death seems to become more of a tempest rather than just the simple news of what it is."

Still, the parade of

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Adam Bernstein,
obituary editor

deaths was unusual. The phrase "summer of death" popped up, perhaps first used by New York magazine, which cheekily claimed the trademark. There's no particular reason for such an aberration; the death rate is typically higher during winter.

In May, the passings of actor David Carradine, 72, and Johnny Carson's sidekick Ed McMahon at 86 were only a harbinger of what was to follow.

Just two days later, two icons of Generation X died. First was the news that Farrah Fawcett, the '70s sex symbol and Charlie's Angels star, had died of cancer at 62. Later on in the day came the more unbelievable reports that Jackson had died.

Jackson's cultural importance alone would have been enough to keep his passing in the news cycle



Among the many celebrities who died this summer are, above, Michael Jackson, Farrah Fawcett, and below, Adam (DJ AM) Goldstein.



for weeks. But the complex nature of his estate and the murky details surrounding his death (eventually labelled a homicide by the medical examiner's office) ensured Jackson remained on front pages and on cable news crawls.

The death of Cronkite, a voice of authority and the premier TV anchorman, on July 17 was felt across the world of journalism.

August saw the death of Brat Pack film writer-director John Hughes at 59.

Two weeks after his sis-

ter Eunice Kennedy Shriver's death, the liberal lion of the U.S. Senate, Edward M. Kennedy, died at age 77 of a brain tumour.

On Aug. 28 followed Adam (DJ AM) Goldstein, the 36-year-old DJ.

"There's a lot of interest in celebrities," said Claire Noland, obituary editor of The Los Angeles Times. "Any time you have someone that's even a moderate celebrity, they make more news now than maybe they would have before."

Last week, Patrick

Swazye died. But even he wasn't the last — with just days of summer officially remaining, folk singer Mary Travers passed away.

Together, those who died came from seemingly every phase of life.

No one who ever picked up a guitar, danced to Thriller, watched a quality TV news broadcast or laughed through a coming-of-age comedy could have failed to feel the loss.

Autumn can't come soon enough.



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In brief

TV When U.S. President Barack Obama appeared on the Late Show on Monday, host David Letterman theorized that Obama had agreed to appear without thinking about it, or as he put it, "Like Bush did with Iraq." After hearing a woman had brought a heart-shaped potato, Obama told Letterman: "The main reason I'm here? I want to see that heart-shaped potato." The woman agreed to let the president keep it. Obama said of it: "This is remarkable."

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It's a Beautiful Life at Western Canadian Music Awards

week's Canadian Country Music Awards, in Vancouver.

Also from Manitoba, Winnipeg's Romi Mayes captured songwriter of the year and roots solo recording of the year — both for the song Achin in Yer Bones.

They were among 22 different artists up for awards in 14 different categories at the seventh annual show, at the Manitoba Cen-

tennial Auditorium.

Marianne Trench won pop recording of the year for Masterpiece Theatre.

Jerrold Dubyk's The Maverick was jazz recording of the year.

Steve Dawson won instrumental recording for Telescope.

Rock recording of the year was Scars and Souvenirs by Theory of a Deadman.

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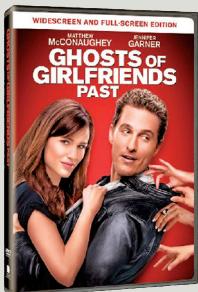
Some of the big winners

- Krystle Dos Santos for urban recording
- Eagle and Hawk for aboriginal recording
- Big Dave McLean for blues recording
- Bobs and Lolo for children's recording
- Steve Bell for gospel recording
- Daniel ROA for Francophone recording
- Grand Analog for rap/hip hop recording
- The Waking Eyes for independent album
- The Deep Dark Woods for roots group recording
- Manitoba singer/composer Loreena McKennitt received the Hall of Fame award for her "eclectic Celtic" music



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DVD picks


Ghosts of Girlfriends Past
Director: **Mark Waters**

MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY is a cad and a bounder in this update of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, and here's where things gets interesting.

He deliberately curdles his cuteness, a risky thing for an actor who depends on it. His loathsome Connor Mead uses his good looks to attract, use and then discard women.

He's jousting with Jennifer Garner and bantering with Michael Douglas, but he's ripe for comeuppance, and he's about to get it the way Ebenezer

Scrooge did.

The ending is never in doubt, yet even knowing all this, *Ghosts* is a pleasure to watch. No recent romcom has had such wicked fun with formula, and a lot of this is due to the script by Jon Lucas and Scott Moore, who also co-scripted *The Hangover*. For director Mark Waters, it's a return to *Mean Girls* sharpness.

Most of all it's a roll of the dice for McConaughey, who risks losing his audience by playing a character who is so hard to like.

There are no special features.

Observe and Report
Director: **Jody Hill**

A SICK AND UNFUNNY fantasy about a loathsome mall cop named Ronnie Barnhardt, played against type by the usually adorable Seth Rogen, whose oversized ego is the inverse of his crew-cut-covered pea brain.

Consumed by rage and feelings of inadequacy — he lives at home with his drunken mom (Celia We-



ston) — the tightly wound Ronnie treats his suburban Forest Ridge Mall as a battlefield. Barnhardt advocates using guns, Tasers and billy clubs to settle any dispute, big or small.

It beggars credulity to think a man this unhinged would be allowed in a civilized society to get away with the sociopathic acts Ronnie commits — which include date rape, scores of brutal beatings (police officers included) and possibly even a few killings (he brags of six).

Writer/director Jody Hill (*The Foot Fist Way*) evidently intends his film to be satirical. But satire, even the absurd variety, requires intelligence to

succeed. Yes, this is no Paul Blart: Mall Cop.

Extras include three featurettes, a gag reel and commentary by Jody Hill, Seth Rogen and Anna Faris.

O'Horten
Director: **Bent Hamer**

BENT HAMER'S latest distillation of Scandinavian wit is a bit o' wintry whimsy about a retired train driver who goes off the rails as soon as he leaves the track.

Odd Horten (Bård Owe) is great at keeping schedules but lousy at making connections. He's driven the Oslo-Bergen run for more than 40 years, content to keep going back and forth with nothing more than his pipe to keep him warm at nights.

Until the night of his final run, when O'Horten discovers the train of life doesn't need a destination.

Hamer has an ideal accomplice in actor Owe, who wraps O'Horten in a snuggly sweater of mystery yet still conveys the fire within.

Peter Howell/for Metro Canada



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critics' corner
Being Erica

Let's hope Erica learned from her attempt to prevent her brother's death at the end of last season. She went back in time again to repair the damage she'd caused in the present, but things are still different since she got back. For one thing, Dr. Tom is no longer her therapist and time-travel mentor in the season premiere, "Being Dr. Tom." 9 PM on CBRT


The Biggest Loser

The contestants learn they can stay at the ranch for another week if they lose a certain amount of weight, and chef Curtis Stone puts in an appearance to help the players make healthier food choices during a kitchen boot camp. Next, the contestants must rely on one another in a balancing challenge. 9 PM on CKAL KHQ

NCIS

With the weight of the past on their minds, Gibbs and the team go back to work, with DiNozzo and McGee beginning a search for Ziva's replacement — an assignment that uncovers a startling truth as the seventh season opens. David McCallum, Pauley Perrette and Rocky Carroll also star in "Truth or Consequences." 9 PM on CICT KREM

Emmys audience grows on TV

STATS The Emmy Awards can boast of an audience bigger than it's been in three years, despite some tough competition from pro football.

The Nielsen Company estimates that 13.3 million people watched Sunday's Emmy telecast. That's one million more than last year's show, which was the least-watched Emmys ever, and the most since the 16.1 million who watched in 2006.

This increase came despite a Giants-Cowboys game on NBC that scored the best overnight ratings of any prime time pro football game in 11 years.

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After 10 months of dating, actor John Krasinski knew it was time to propose to his now-fiancée Emily Blunt. "So many people say, 'You know when you know,' and it's true," he said, adding, "it was a tough gig, but somebody had to do it." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

MJ's 'son' Omer to play him in biopic

A LITTLE TOO LITERAL

Michael Jackson's "son" is to play him in a new film.

Omer Bhatti — whom the late King of Pop allegedly told friends he had fathered — will play Jackson in a movie charting his rise to superstardom in the '80s, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

A source told Britain's The Sun: "Michael's story from childhood

to the height of success is nothing short of astounding.

"The family feel fans would love to see a dramatic retelling. They want to cover his childhood and family life but really focus on when his career went into overdrive."

Although the Norwegian



Bhatti — who has worked as a Michael Jackson impersonator — denies Jackson is his biological father. He has revealed the singer used to tell him he was "like a son" to him.

He was also welcomed by the Jackson family and sat in the front row at Jackson's Los Angeles memorial service in July.

Since his death in June, Bhatti has reportedly stayed at the Jackson family home in California.

Bhatti, 25, first met Jackson in 1996.

It has also been reported that the Ferris wheel that used to entertain visitors

at Jackson's Neverland Ranch has been enjoying a second life after an amusement company picked it up at an auction that liquidated items from the estate last year, according to the Associated Press.

"We ourselves really didn't advertise it," said Theresa Noerper of Archway Amusements. "When he died, it kind of blew up. There's no keeping secrets then."

Jackson fans have reportedly been showing up as the wheel tours the south, paying respects and taking pictures.

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Fat and K-Fed knows it

SELF-ASSURED

Talk about Kevin Federline's ghastly weight gain all you want.

"He doesn't care," his ex Shar Jackson told usmagazine.com Sunday. "The beautiful thing about him is that he could care less."

She said the 31-year-old dancer-turned-rapper is doing "good."

As his ex Britney Spears continues her Circus tour, he's been on the road looking after their sons Sean Preston, 4, and Jayden James, 3.

Jackson said that he still manages to phone the two children he has with her:



Kori, 7, and Kaleb, 5.

"He calls them all the time," she told Us. "They have good long phone conversations. I'm like, 'Ok, that's good. Hang up the phone 'cause we have stuff to do."

Jackson said she is also proud of Spears — whom she once loathed. (Spears famously began dating Federline while Jackson was pregnant with her second child with Federline.)

"She seems like she's doing well," Jackson told Us of Spears, who was hospitalized twice in 2008. "Good for her."

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Celebrity tweets

Pink doesn't appreciate being shushed, Jim Fallon has no time for dressing rooms, and Courtney Love is worried about America.

• @Pink I'm at an outdoor movie and some just "shushed me". I stated "rent the dvd" I'm not gonna lie, I'm gonna talk a little, I'm outside" heehee

• @jimmyfallon Just changed from a tux into street clothes in the back of a car in a Burger King parking lot. Off to the airport. New show tomorrow.

• @courtneylover79 we can't let our people starve and get so fat they are committing carbicide, and have no health, it made me really sad or teh economy, and more

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Madonna's candy store ambitions

ALWAYS WANT WHAT YOU CAN'T HAVE

Madonna dreamed of working in a candy store, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — who now follows a strict diet and exercise regime — was so "obsessed" with sweet treats as a teenager she wanted to sell them.

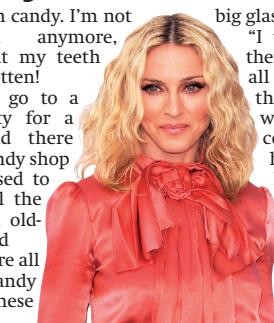
The 51-year-old revealed: "My dream was always to work in a candy store. It was because of my obse-

sion with candy. I'm not obsessed anymore, now that my teeth are all rotten!"

"I did go to a university for a year and there was a candy shop that I used to go to all the time, an old-fashioned one where all the candy was in these

big glass jars. "I used to go in there and look at all the candy and think, 'God, it would be really cool to work in here; I could have candy whenever I wanted."

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Drunken Hoff taken to hospital?

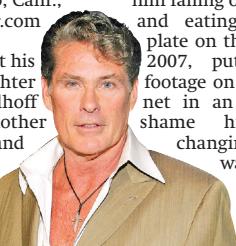
FAMILIAR STORY? Baywatch star David Hasselhoff was admitted to hospital Sunday after drinking heavily at his Encino, Calif., home, popeater.com reports.

TMZ reports that his 17-year-old daughter Hayley Hasselhoff called her mother Pamela for help, and one of her friends is thought to have called an ambulance to

retrieve Hasselhoff. He was allegedly released that night.

Hayley famously filmed him falling over drunk and eating from a plate on the floor in 2007, putting the footage on the Internet in an effort to shame him into changing his ways.

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Amy risks a drug relapse?

SNAGGLE-TOOTHED NO MORE

Amy Winehouse finally got around to getting her teeth fixed, but now pals are worried the painkillers she's been given to cope post-surgery might spark a relapse, according to the Sun.

"Amy's teeth were in a pretty gross state," a source said. "They were brown and stained

and needed major work on them and she was determined to get them back to their sparkling best.

"It's all major work and it's left her in almost constant pain, but she thinks the sacrifice is worth it. She's been given some very strong drugs to cope with the pain," the source added.

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Kourtney's Emmy wardrobe issue

MAT WEAR Kourtney Kardashian admits her baby bump was an issue at Sunday's Emmys, usmagazine.com reports. "It's hard to get dressed when you're seven months pregnant almost!" She told Ryan Seacrest, while wearing a floor-length black gown. "I still try to be fashionable."

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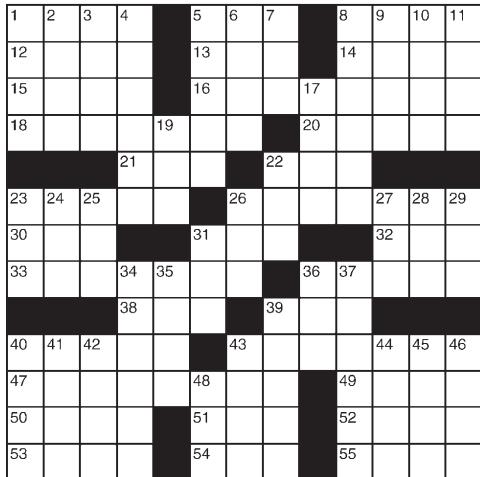
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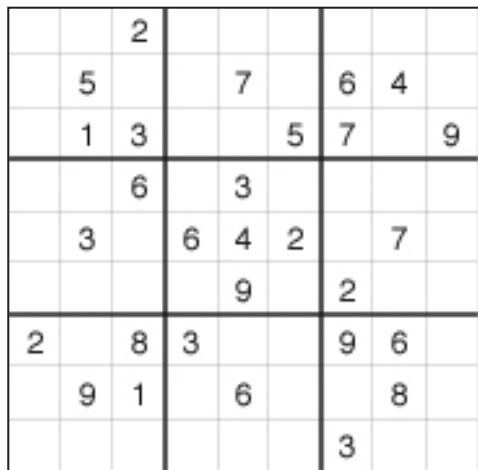
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8 Mafia boss
12 Unadorned
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14 Sahara-like
15 Physical
16 News-item info
18 Air out, as laundry
20 Accumulate
21 Sailor's assent
22 Put to work
23 Wood-shaving tool
26 Tests
30 A billion years
31 Scale member
32 Adversary
33 Exhausts
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39 Wildebeest
40 Quickly
43 Region of Australia
47 Make retroactive

49 Sad
50 Lo-cal
51 That guy's
52 Get a glimpse of
53 Formerly, formerly
54 Fool
55 Colonial seamstress

24 "Skip to My ___"
25 Massachusetts cape
26 Speck
27 E.T.'s transport?
28 Ph. bk. data
29 Witness
31 Baltimore newspaper
34 Hole in the wall?
35 As yet unpaid
36 Pismire
37 Goodyear product
39 Surmise
40 Competent
41 Poker holding
42 Book after the Gospels
43 Elevator name
44 As well
45 Drink holders
46 Harpsichord lineup
48 "Eureka!"

DOWN

1 Cain's victim
2 Long skirt
3 Ahmadinejad's land
4 Abase
5 Core group
6 Talk like 54-
7 Harden
8 Less nervous
9 Met melody
10 Cushion inserts
11 Honorific verses
12 Relaxed
13 Prepare Easter eggs
14 Link letters
22 Link letters
23 Apiece

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The answers you seek are not hard to find but you'll need help from those who have asked the same sort of questions before you.

LIBRA**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Others may be having second thoughts about what you are doing but you have no doubts. Your momentum will keep you moving.

TAURUS**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

You won't lack for self-belief today but as mind planet Mercury is still moving retrograde you are advised to check facts and figures.

SCORPIO**OCT 24-NOV 22**

You are prepared to risk anything to prove you are the best at what you do. Before the day is over almost everyone will be singing your praises.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Family issues that have been causing you problems can quite easily be resolved, but you must stop putting them off.

SAGITTARIUS**NOV 23-DEC 21**

You will get your way today but you will probably upset one or two people in the process. But that won't worry you in the slightest.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Mars in your birth sign does wonders for your confidence and you won't hesitate to speak up today if you feel you have something to say.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

You won't lack for things to say over the next 24 hours, but make sure that any criticisms you have are justified and that your reasons for airing them are positive.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23**

You will have to bluff your way through a situation you would usually cope with quite easily. Fortunately others expect you to be assured and outspoken.

AQUARIUS**JAN 21-FEB 18**

With Mercury still moving retrograde, what others tell you they are going to do and what they actually do may be two different things today.

VIRGO**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Mercury back in your birth sign means you are not afraid to speak your mind, and it could lead to some interesting scenes.

PISCES**FEB 19-MARCH 20**

You don't lack for ideas but you may lack the confidence to express them, and that's a shame because some of your ideas are quite brilliant.

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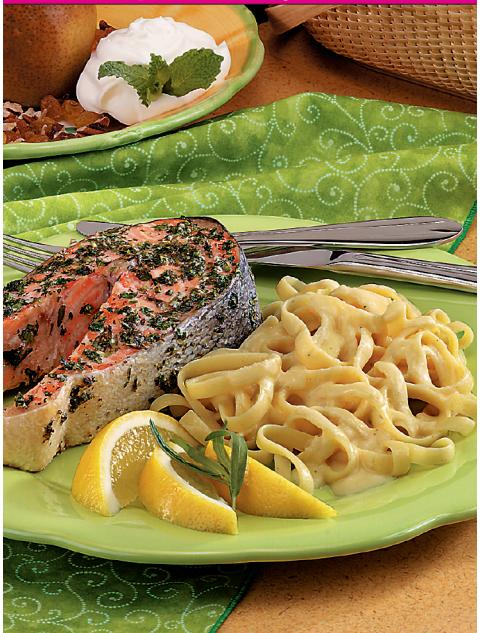
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1. Whack Grand Coulee, for one (1)
2. Actor Black's Apple computers (1)
3. "Wizard of Oz" dog snapshot (2)
4. Georgia fruit on a sandy shore (1)
5. Scottish girls' reading spectacles (2)
6. Singer Parton's tennis shots (2)
7. Less tall one who frustrates plans (2)

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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ANSWERS
1. SISSY DAM 2. JACKS MACS 3. TOTTY PHOTO 4. BEACH PEACH
5. LASSES CLASSES 6. BOILS VOLVES 7. SHORTER TWEECH

entertainment 23**Take Five****Metro Recipe of the Day**

butter over medium-low heat. Stir in cream, 1/4 cup (50 ml) Parmesan cheese, Romano cheese, egg yolk, salt, pepper and nutmeg.

2. Cook and stir over medium-low heat until thermometer reads 160°F (71°C — do not boil). Drain fettuccine; top with Alfredo sauce and remaining Parmesan cheese.

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